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Food situation--Madras Province--Report for the first fortnight of June 1945
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Weather condition and crop prospects. The Southwest Monsoon commenced on the West Coast a week later than usual and became pronounced in the second week of June 1948. In the rest of the Province, the rainfall during the fortnight ranged from 1.0 to 2.9 inches in the districts of Bellary, Chingleput, Chittoor North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and the Nilgiris and from 0.5 to 0.9 inches in the districts of West Godavari, Kistna, Kurnool Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore South Arcot, Tanjore and Madura and was light or nil in the other districts.

Agricultural operations were held up for want of rains in the districts of North Arcot, Tanjore and Tirunelveli. Water supply was inadequate in parts of the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli. Sowings of paddy were proceeding in the districts of Coimbatore and the Nilgiris and of dry crops in the district of Vizagapatam, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli and the Nilgiris. Standing crops were reported to be generally fair. Harvest of paddy was proceeding in parts of the districts of West Godavari, Kistna, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore and Tiruchirapalli, and of ragi in the Cuddapah district and cholam in the Tiruchirapalli district. The outturn was generally fair.

Stock and supply position. The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 12.6.48 when compared with the stock position on 5.6.48:

<u>Foodgrain</u>	<u>on 29.5.48.</u> (tons)	<u>on 5.6.48</u> (tons)	<u>on 12.6.48.</u> (tons)
Rice	4,10,726	4,04,671	3,98,075
Wheat	17,412	17,780	17,274
~~XXXXXX~~ Maida	407	392	324
Maize	68,399	65,999	63,894
Other grains	21,554	19,483	17,909

Rice. The stock position in all the districts continues to be satisfactory.

A further allotment of 10,000 tons has been made to this Province from Orissa. Including this the total allotment made to this Province from Orissa for the second quarter of 1948 amounts to 49,000 tons.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight under review:-

<u>From</u>	<u>Tons.</u>
Orissa	3,338
Eastern States	1,351
Pakistan	2,803
Overseas	9,871

	17,363

Millets....

Milletts and Maize: - With the opening of a large number of relief shops and a stricter enforcement of the compulsory issue of maize, the demand for supplies of maize and the actual issues to relief shops are steadily rising. The total issues during the two weeks ending 12.6.48 were 10,158 tons against 9,084 tons issued during the previous two week ending 29.5.48. Supplies have been arranged to the needy districts from the provincial reserve stocks at Coimbatore and Madras. The general supply position of millets is satisfactory.

A quantity of 2,191 tons of overseas maize being the surplus diverted from Bhavanagar port, was received at Cochin ex s.s. "pandit" on 12.6.1948: This ~~raises~~ the total progressive receipts of maize in this Province to 1,32,665 tons against a total quantity of 1,33,000 tons for the first and second quarters of 1948; */raises*

Wheat and its products. There were no arrivals of wheat or its products during the fortnight under review.

The Government of India have allotted to this Province 9,750-tons of Semolina out of 10,000 tons expected to be shipped from Australia between June and December 48. The import will be on Government account. The first instalment of about 547 tons is expected to be received by the end of this month. The semolina imported on Government account will be distributed to bonafide consumers through authorised dealers.

Progress of procurement. During the second fortnigh of May 36,344 tons of rice and 1,189 tons of millets (comprising 35,495 tons of rice and 347 tons of millets under the intensive procurement scheme and 849 tons of rice and 842 tons of millets under the levy system were procured in the Province as against 35,808 tons of rice and 1,509 tons of millets procured in the previous fortnight there was generally a fall in procurement in all the districts except West Godavari, Nellore and Tanjore. In view of abandonment of procurement under the levy system in the deficit districts except Malabar and the Nilgiris, the Collectors of the surplus districts have been instructed to intensify procurement in their districts and to complete the procurement of available surpluses before the end of June 1948 at the latest.

A short note on prices and statements relating to the prices of several foodgrains, firewood, salt, oil etc. at various centres are at 'K' on page 5 c.f. and at page 6-20 c.f. respectively.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food) and H.M.(P.W.) and H.E.

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P.S.G. H.E. has seen, thanks.

To Assistant Secretary.

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